

In the Claims:

Claims 1-3, and 5-12 are pending as follows:

1. (previously presented) A method for providing dynamic assistance for disabled user interface resources comprising the steps of:

identifying code for disabling controls;

changing a state of said identified code from disabled to disabled with assistance;

responsive to said changed state of said identified code to disabled with assistance, providing assistance text to explain why control is disabled; and

providing code for correcting a condition for disabling control; and

displaying an adjustment button for user selection to execute said code for correcting a condition for disabling control.

2. (previously presented) A method for providing dynamic assistance for disabled user interface resources as recited in claim 1 includes the step of displaying an assistance icon for viewing by a user responsive to said changed state of said identified code to disabled with assistance state.

3. (original) A method for providing dynamic assistance for disabled user interface resources as recited in claim 2 includes the steps of identifying a user selection of said assistance icon and displaying said assistance text.

4. (canceled)

5. (previously presented) A method for providing dynamic assistance for disabled user interface resources as recited in claim 1 includes the steps of identifying

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a user selection of said adjustment button; and utilizing said code for correcting said condition for disabling control, and executing an action on eligible items.

6. (original) A method for providing dynamic assistance for disabled user interface resources as recited in claim 1 includes the step of displaying a help text for viewing by a user.

7. (original) A method for providing dynamic assistance for disabled user interface resources as recited in claim 1 wherein said step of changing said state of identified code from disabled to disabled with assistance includes the step of providing an assistance icon with said identified code, said assistance icon for viewing by a user in a context menu of available actions for user selected items.

8. (previously presented) A computer system having apparatus for providing dynamic assistance for disabled user interface resources comprising:

a processor,

a memory;

a display;

a bus connecting said processor, said memory and said display,

a GUI dynamic assistance program, a graphical user interface including a disabled with assistance menu item; said GUI dynamic assistance program performing the steps of:

identifying code for disabling controls;

changing a state of said identified code from disabled to disabled with assistance;

providing assistance text to explain why control is disabled, responsive to said changed state of said identified code to disabled with assistance;
providing code for correcting a condition for disabling control;
displaying an assistance icon for viewing by a user;
identifying a user selection of said assistance icon;
displaying said assistance text and displaying an adjustment button;
identifying a user selection of said adjustment button; and
utilizing said code for correcting said condition for disabling control, and
executing an action on eligible items.

9. (previously presented) A computer program product for implementing dynamic assistance for disabled user interface resources, said computer program product including a plurality of computer executable instructions stored on a computer readable medium, wherein said instructions, when executed by said computer, cause the computer to perform the steps of:

identifying code for disabling controls;
changing a state of said identified code from disabled to disabled with assistance;
responsive to said changed state of said identified code to disabled with assistance, providing assistance text to explain why control is disabled;
providing code for correcting a condition for disabling control; and
displaying an adjustment button for user selection to execute said code for correcting a condition for disabling control.

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10. (original) A computer program product for implementing dynamic assistance for disabled user interface resources as recited in claim 9 further includes the step of displaying an assistance icon for viewing by a user.

11. (original) A computer program product for implementing dynamic assistance for disabled user interface resources as recited in claim 10 further includes the steps of identifying a user selection of said assistance icon and displaying said assistance text.

12. (previously presented) A computer program product for implementing dynamic assistance for disabled user interface resources as recited in claim 9 further includes the steps of identifying a user selection of said adjustment button; and utilizing said code for correcting said condition for disabling control, and executing an action on eligible items.